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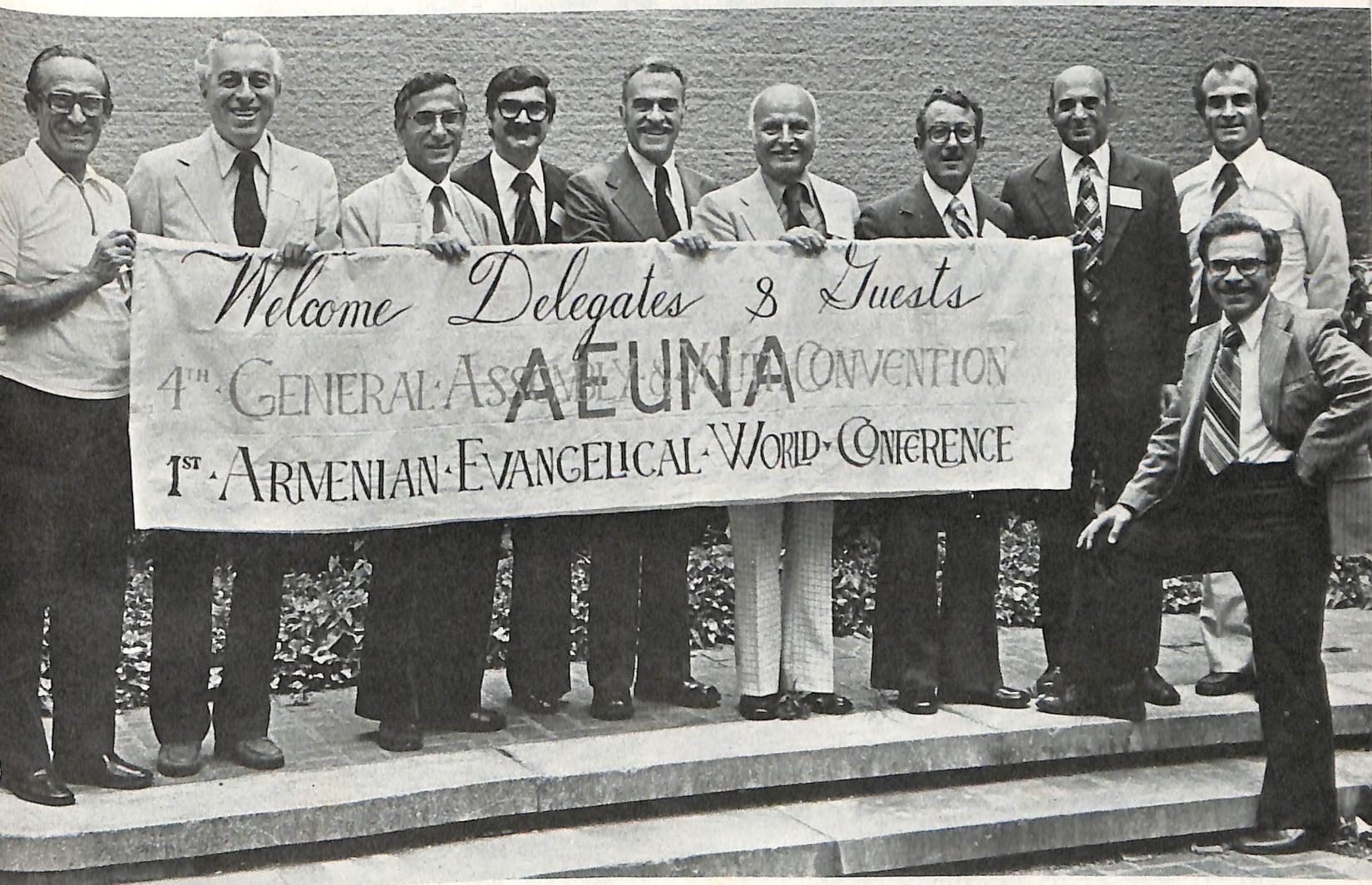
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PARTICIPANTS FROM SIX OF THE SEVEN COUNTRIES  
AT THE  
FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE OF ARMENIAN EVANGELICALS

Left to right: Dr. G.H. Chopourian (U.S.), Mr. Archie Cherkezian (U.S.), the Rev. Daniel Sahagian (France), the Rev. Manuel Jinbashian (Lebanon), Mr. Nazar Daglian (U.S.), Mr. George Philibosian (U.S.), the Rev. Hovhannes Karjian (Syria), the Rev. Tateos Michaelian (Iran), Rev. Moses Jambazian (Brazil) and Dr. Peter Doghramji (U.S.), pastor of the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church which acted as host to the Conference. (Canada missing)

## OCCUPY FOR ME ---

- G.H. Chopourian



Insecurities in life are the common experience of human beings from time immemorial. Thieves and robbers have played havoc with security. Money, too, has not been a dependable source of security. Those of us who were of age at the close of the First World War will recollect that a cartload of Marks were needed to purchase a loaf of bread.

What will be the true purchase value of two million dollars ten years from today? That was the troublesome question that led to an after-dinner discussion in a rich home. If inflation got ahead of interest or dividend earned, capital would shrink. One of the ladies listening intently sensed the dilemma and said, "My! To have money is trouble too, isn't it?"

You bet it is! The rich are not as trouble-free as you might imagine. Christ, who had phenomenal insight into the nature of life, taught

"Do not save riches here on earth,  
where moths and rust destroy"

and suggested we put our heart's priority on something more permanent and indestructible.

The habit of "laying up treasures on earth" is related to the question of existence, living, being—it is existential. Hence, man is tempted to assign priorities mostly to food, drink, housing and clothing. Unwittingly, we permit these priorities to become our masters.

It is both unfair and incorrect to think that the wealthy more easily allow "Mammon" to become master of their lives. In fact, the poor, more prone to fear and worry, allow crueler masters to run their lives.

The healthy answer appears to be in the notion of proper stewardship. A steward is defined to be a person entrusted with the management of another's property. Stewardship, then is the management of things entrusted to one's care. Management of things loaned! Since God is the Creator of the Universe, all things come from Him and we are His stewards to manage that which He loans to us. "Give first place to His Kingdom and what He requires," is Christ's admonition and "God will provide for your needs surely."

In the words of Joseph Horne:

"Our children, relations, friends, honors, houses, lands, and endowments, of nature and fortune, nay, even of grace itself, are only lent. It is our misfortune, and our sin, to fancy they are given.... We think ourselves masters, when we are only stewards, and forget that to each of us it will one day be said, 'Give an account of thy stewardship.'"

When news of a German invasion of Cyprus reached the Island, a Jewish medical doctor and his family, who had escaped the Nazi terror by settling in Cyprus, were instructed by the British to move on to South Africa. The doctor pleaded that I act as "steward" to his family belongings—a rich library and beautiful bedroom, kitchen and living room furniture. He said, "Occupy for me, till I come." When the war was over, he returned and a steward's account was given!

"Occupy for me...."

That's about all we can do with God's provisions. The wise use of those provisions is the one thing we are masters of. We can apply mothballs to protect against moths; store non-dividend bearing gold against inflation; deposit wealth in banks against rust; or we can invest in the lives of God's creatures to improve their condition; in God's Kingdom to bring about peace to a world that continues to be in a muddle. And in so doing we can also find fulfillment in this life and God's commendation in the next.

## FIFTY EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

Sunday, December 3, 1978

### PILGRIM ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, FRESNO

During last year's Annual Meeting held in Belmont, Massachusetts, the Rev. Harry Missirlian announced that the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church would be very happy to act as host for the next Annual Meeting.

Therefore, responding to this kind invitation, the Fifty Eighth Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in Fresno at the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, on Sunday, December 3, 1978.

Two meetings of the Board of Directors have been scheduled—one meeting to be held on Saturday morning, December 2, 1978, and the second Board meeting, which will be of short duration, will follow the Annual Meeting on Sunday.

On Saturday, December 2, there will be a Gala Banquet on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary Celebrations, which is being sponsored by both of our churches in Fresno, namely, the Pilgrim Armenian Cong. Church and the First Armenian Presbyterian Church.

The Board of Directors of the Association thank the Pastor and the congregation of the Pilgrim Church for their kind invitation to be Hosts to the Association's Annual Meeting, and look forward for an exciting weekend in Fresno during December 2 and 3, 1978.

A hearty welcome is extended to all our Friends and Members who live in Fresno and vicinity to attend the Banquet and the Annual Meeting, thereby giving support and encouragement to the Association.

## WORLD CONFERENCE OF ARMENIAN EVANGELICALS

The First World Conference of Armenian Evangelicals, sponsored jointly by the Armenian Missionary Association of America and the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, was held from June 25-28, 1978, at the Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, and was hosted by the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church of Havertown.

It was a unique Conference.

The harmonious chords of the Sacred Music Singers Concert presented on Sunday to an audience that overflowed the holy confines of the Martyrs' Church also tided into the Haverford College Center on Monday, June 26, to set the keynote of the unprecedented Christian fellowship and accord which dominated all the sessions—devotions, studies, discussions, and deliberations on perennial issues of our Evangelicalism. Clergy and laymen, full of previous conference experience, acquired in many parts of the world, testified to the fact that here was an atmosphere of spiritual cognition which held the promise of healing, sound Christian performance, and faithful custodianship of Evangelical values.

Again, never before had there been such an august assemblage of Armenian Evangelical leadership from seven different countries of the world: there were 126 representatives in all, 44 clergymen and 82 laymen, who, with unnoticeable exceptions, attended all the sessions faithfully.

Furthermore, the World Conference solemnly considered a re-evaluation of the reality of Armenian Evangelicalism



Early morning prayer group under the beautiful giant trees on the Haverford College campus.

### The Inspirational Corner

#### MEASURE OF CHURCH SUCCESS

SUCCESS for a church can never be measured by large picnic or dinner crowds, nor by the amount of dollars raised by bribing usually absentee members with a delicious shish-kebab dinner. *Success for the church* is ultimately measured by the personal spiritual growth of each of its members, and the amount of loving service rendered by the corporate body in the name of Christ. And how does one *support* such a program? Certainly not by allowing the church to make a profit of a dollar or two on his dinner ticket, and that at the expense of the sweat and tears of the few faithful. *Real support* is nothing less than personal involvement in the total life of the church — its worship, its study and learning programs, its local and foreign missions, and its concrete involvement within the community of men to bring healing, justice and peace. Short of this quality of support, no church can expect or hope for success of God's design.

**GO TO THE MIRROR**

For it isn't your father, or mother, or wife  
Whose judgment upon you must pass;  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the man staring back from the glass.

He's the one to please — never mind the rest,  
For he's with you clear to the end;  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult task  
If the man in the glass is your friend.

Some people may think you a "straight shootin' chum"  
And call you a wonderful guy;  
But, the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years  
And get pats on the back as you pass;  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

From the "Pilgrim's Progress" of the  
Pilgrim Armenian Cong'l. Church.  
(Submitted by Grace Tashjian)

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"Newsletter" of the  
Immanuel Armenian Cong'l. Church



our Churches is immensely valued and it is our belief that the future of the Armenian Evangelical Community in North America and its missionary work throughout the world never looked better than at this time.

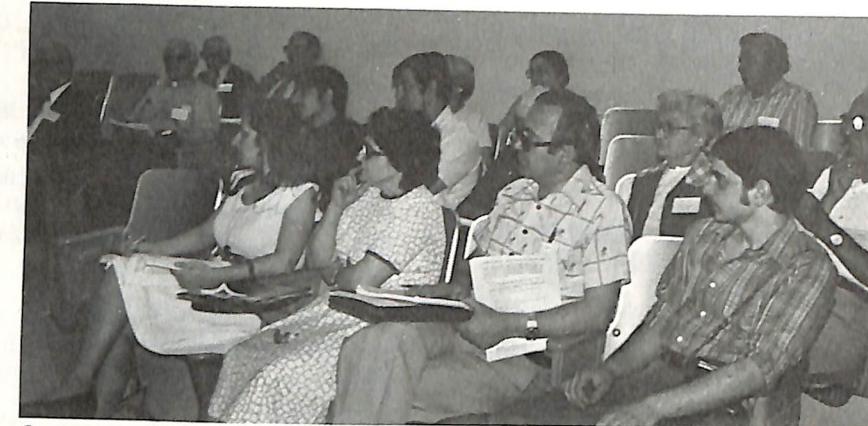
The World Conference of Armenian Evangelicals, which obviously could not have materialized without your understanding and the superhuman efforts of our tireless, capable and most dedicated Dr. Chopourian, was a most fitting corollary to our Fourth Biennial General Assembly.

All in all, this was for me, and I am sure for everyone else, the best evangelical week I have witnessed in my entire lifetime.

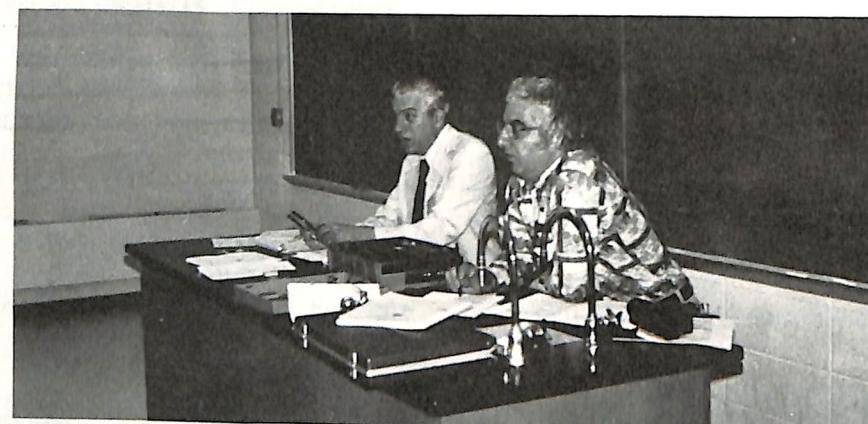
May the good Lord bless you both and the mission of the AMAA and in the never ending desire of our people to achieve togetherness in the work of our Lord here in the North American continent as well as elsewhere in the world."



Miss Eunice Kavjian, Mrs. Marge Bogosian, Mrs. Shirley Kabakjian and Mrs. Sahelian, part of the corps of ladies who kept the Conference delegates happy with appetizing goodies. Mr. George Philibosian represents the rest of the happy delegates.



Group one, under Mr. George Philibosian with recorder in the person of Rev. Moses Jambazian, following the deliberations intently.



Group two leader, Mr. Archie Cherkezian, and group recorder the Rev. Vartkes Kassouni.



Group three leader, the Rev. Manuel Jinbashian, and serious participants. Recorder for the group was the Rev. Barkev Darakjian.



Group four leader, the Rev. Hovhannes Karjian (standing) and recorder the Rev. Vigen Galustian.

## HAIGAZIAN COLLEGE MAKES ITS MARK

### Intellectual and Relief Encounters

Haigazian College was participant in two important events in Beirut, bringing much credit to the life of the Institution. The first of the events was the participation of 100 students, faculty and staff at a meeting convened at Antelias for Armenian University students. Organized by the Co-Catholicos, His Beatitude Karekin Sarkissian, the halls of the Cathedral at Antelias were packed by present and future intellectuals. Haigazian College students and faculty were vocal participants.

The second event was the work of the Haigazian College in the student aid given to refugees. About 4,000 refugees flooded "the Kantari area" of Beirut, a fraction of the 100,000 or more, as a result of the invasion of South Lebanon by Israel. When the war started, the students had decided to go out on strike. Dr. John Markarian, the College President, proposed that instead of a strike, school be closed early, a week be added to the end of the term, and something be done for the refugees. The students agreed, even though at the time Beirut was swept by panic, and began organizing themselves to help.

The Haigazian students and some members of the faculty formed Committees and organized their own relief effort. Thirty students, the core of this effort, young men and women from all the political factions in the divided Country, distributed hundreds of mattresses and blankets, as well as several tons of food. The Middle East Council of Churches donated food, and the German Evangelical Church of Beirut gave money for other needed items. The wonderful thing about it is that the core of men and women, many of whom had fought on opposite sides in the Civil War, were now working together to help the refugees.

In writing words of commendation to the President, Dr. Rendel Levonian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Haigazian College, said, "Your choice of conduct and performance beyond the call of duty is a living witness to Christian principles. It is a true manifestation of what you have advocated for years as a meaningful Christian life

style, predicated on action rather than words.... Your collective efforts will go a long way towards establishing Haigazian College in a prominent position of leadership in the local academic community. And just as importantly it will undoubtedly recruit many new friends and benefactors for the College. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Haigazian College, I would like to commend you both for your dedication and total commitment to a noble cause. We thank you sincerely."

*Dr. Rendel Levonian, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Haigazian College, whose words of commendation to the (1) President and the (2) Student Council of Haigazian College read: "To set these differences aside and unite to undertake a humanitarian task of planning and providing for a group of refugees does indeed demonstrate the true national characteristics of the Lebanese people."*



Two of our Haigazian College students, one holding a paper on which he is listing names and needs of refugees, and the second holding up a screen.



Approximately 100 Haigazian College students, or about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total attendance, at the meeting of intellectuals at Antelias. The Assembly was held in the Cathedral on the Antelias Campus.

# PRESSING NEEDS IN LEBANON, TE HERAN AND THE UNITED STATES

## (IN LIEU OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

### LEBANON UPDATE

On Saturday, July 1, heavy artillery shelling began in the Eastern sector of Beirut between Syrian units of the Arab deterrent forces and Christian militia. The shelling continued intermittently until the end of July, though with quiet periods of long duration in between. Some reports put the dead in the first four days of fighting at 200, "mostly civilians," with the wounded at least twice that number. The areas affected were the districts of Ashrefieh, Ain Romaneh, the port area and the commercial district. Nor Marash area was also affected. Damage was heavy in these areas, with artillery and rockets falling in large numbers. It has been the heaviest fighting since the final cease-fire in November, 1976. At least two hospitals were hit, with 20 rooms destroyed at the Hotel Dieux. Western Beirut has been relatively quiet.

One of our colleagues in Nor Marash writes that his return to Beirut from the World Conference was not very pleasant. He had to spend the night and the following day of his arrival in Beirut at the NEST, unable to reach home because of dangers lurking in the roads. Through the medium and help of important personalities, he reached home after many hours, by devious routes through the mountains. At a distance of 25 meters from his church and school a dozen bombs had fallen, wounding many and killing some. He reports the death of a very fine, valuable and helpful 42 year old Church member, leaving behind a wife and three children. He was hit in the head and died on the spot. Then again, a bomb falling behind the Church Clinic, hit a young man in the chest, killing him instantly. In a few days, a dozen friends and neighbors were lost. And the question in the mind of the writer is, "How long, Oh Lord?" How long, indeed! The heaviest shelling between July 1-5 was surpassed by heavy artillery shelling and rockets on the evening of Sunday, August 6.

The constituency of the AMAA made valiant sacrifices when the Civil War first started in Lebanon. Today, the needs are just as valid, and the AMAA is ready to receive financial assistance to help provide relief. Those interested may direct their generous help *forthwith*.

### TEHERAN: OUR SPIRITUAL MACEDONIA

"Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Teheran is our modern spiritual Macedonia. We received a call for help and as a result Mrs. Arpine (Mahshigian) Aghabegian was commissioned by our Churches and the AMAA in response to that voice. She renders Christian service to Armenian youth in Teheran, despite the shortage of funds.

We are thankful to the regular sponsors of her work who provide \$50-\$100 each annually. We would like to see the number of such sponsors increased, so the lack of funds may not obstruct the important work to youth that Arpine is rendering. Through her Christian ministry children have come to love the Bible, many have committed themselves to Christ, some are considering the Christian ministry as a vocation, and all are finding strength for the chores of each day.

Do you think children are sensitive enough to the promptings of God to draw themselves aside from the world, and take time to pray in the midst of their daily work? Well, that is nothing unusual for the children of Gohar Mesrobian School. Mrs. Aghabegian witnesses to the fact that students will quietly move out of the playground, enter the Sanctuary, and take time to kneel in front of the altar to pray silently. Two who were seen in that posture were Alice and Armine who had gone into the Sanctuary to seek strength for the tasks of the day. It is this kind of wonderful work that you have been supporting—strengthening the faith of children who will become leaders of God's Church.

As a contrast, Arpine goes out into the field and visits Armenian families with a view to being helpful to them in the elevation of their home life. Recently, eight families she visited were found to be in extremely poor condition, and a report given to her Church, St. John's Evangelical, led the Church to provide, to each family, 2,000 Rials monthly (about 75 Rials equals \$1.00).

Arpine also organizes group events which contain activities from Bible study, conferences and retreats to pic-

nics and Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Just recently, 86 junior class members were together in the Church Retreat Center where the fellowship was joyful and warm. Vesper Service under the big trees in the retreat area changed physical joy to the joyfulness of the heart, as they felt the touch of the Holy Spirit upon their lives. By this month they will also have had summer camps, where the program of games, songs and worship will enrich their lives.

Arpine also stretches her influence way up to Isfahan. Last month there was an Evangelical Youth Conference there with a large attendance from the Teheran Youth Group. The 63 who had come from six different cities in Iran studied the Scriptures together and learned about the Armenian Evangelical Community of Isfahan. They also gave their witness to that large city. Husband Samuel and Arpine render important service to the work of the Lord.

Recently, it was felt that Arpine needs a Canon camera for her work. In faith we have provided her with one, hoping that the cost of \$100 will be forwarded to us by a benevolent compatriot.



Arpine Mashigian with her "children".

### LOCAL U.S. NEEDS ALSO DESERVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Board of Managers of the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center reported on the following typical cases, occurring between April 1-June 30, 1978;

1. For 1½ years, a refugee-father in L.A. attempted to bring his wife and child from Beirut to America. After exhausting many avenues without any results, our AEESC Office found a legal way to bring the family together once again.
2. In desperation, a person detained by the Immigration authorities contacted our Office. Our Office immediately received the necessary help to free the person who was frightened and in tears.
3. A young college student from Beirut needed a physical exam and had no funds. We referred him to one of our benevolent parish doctors, and his need was met.
4. A family from Armenia had no bedding, nor kitchen or laundry appliances. Some of our Church members were contacted who cheerfully responded to take care of their basic needs.

To date 220 applicants have been taken care of, 109 having been handled in 1977.

The numerical statistics for each type of service is as follows:

Employment	65
Schooling	18
Health Services	14
Senior Citizens	38
Counseling	20
Lodging & Furniture	8
Immigration	45
General Information	12

The Center needs the continued moral and financial support of all Armenians everywhere in the U.S. Please continue to pray for and give support to the humanitarian services being rendered to our needy compatriots. To put them on their feet quickly is not only a noble gesture, but a prudent one since *Recipients* can be turned into *Givers* more quickly.



AEESC

In appreciation of the important news the AMAA has provided on Lebanon, the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center, and Arpine (Mahshigian) Aghabegian's Missionary Work, I/we joyfully wish to participate in the following projects, and enclose our check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

1. Lebanon, for relief work \$\_\_\_\_\_  
2. AEESC, for assistance to immigrants in need \$\_\_\_\_\_  
3. For Arpine (Mahshigian) Aghabegian's work:  
a. As a contribution \$\_\_\_\_\_  
b. As a regular annual sponsor \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. & Mrs. Vahram Rejebian 1,000  
 Mr. & Mrs. G. Bagdasarian 1,000  
 Mrs. Hranoush Casparian 1,000  
 Mr. Dadour Dadourian 1,000  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Sermabeikian 1,000  
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Timourian 1,000  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dokouzian 1,000  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Karakashian 1,000  
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ajemian 500  
 Mr. & Mrs. Diran Chilian 500  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Gabrellian 500  
 Anonymous 500  
 Mr. & Mrs. Noubar Jessourian 500  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kerbeykian 500  
 Mr. & Mrs. James L. Melcon 500  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kourken Salibian 500  
 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Shahinian 500  
 Rev. & Mrs. Jirair Sogomian 500  
 Rev. & Mrs. Zenas Ilanjian 300  
 Anonymous 250  
 Dr. & Mrs. Vahe A. Nalbandian 200  
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kurkjian 200  
 Rev. & Mrs. Vahan Tootikian 200  
 Dr. & Mrs. Hrair M. Babikian 100

In the letter of acknowledgement sent to pledgers, the following very sincere expressions were made:

"We wish to both thank you and congratulate you for participating in the campaign and for your pledge. We consider it a privilege to have had fellowship with you and to have had you join hands with us in the service to God's children less fortunate than ourselves."

AMAA Board

We wish to express the same sentiments to all those who have or will be making their contribution to the Sixtieth Anniversary Celebrations.



Mr. Archie Cherkezian, AMAA President, greeting the guests and laying the spiritual basis for the Celebrations.



Mr. George Philibosian, Moderator, AEU-NA, bringing his message on the occasion.



Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the AMAA, detailing the Sixtieth Anniversary plans and challenging guests to Share because they Care.

## ARMENIA Cradle of Civilization

by  
David Marshall Lang

**SECOND EDITION - 328 pages, 11 color and 115 black and white illustrations.**

**Available, price \$29.00 from AMAA**

'The most comprehensive history of Armenia and its culture published in English' writes the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*.

"The Armenian nation is small in number—probably not exceeding seven million in total at any time—yet the Armenians have made a contribution to world culture and science out of all proportion to their numbers," claims the author.

In showing Armenia as the cradle of mankind, and the oldest Christian country in the world, Dr. Lang points to abundant traces of Stone Age man in the vicinity of Mount Ararat, and traces the early history of the vine and wine making in Armenia, the evolution of metal working, the outstanding Armenian contribution to Church art and architecture and the fortunes of the kings of Cilician Armenia, staunch allies of

the Crusaders.

The final section of the book is devoted to an account of Soviet Armenia, where a renaissance is taking place in the cultural, educational and economic fields.

A SUPERB CHRISTMAS PRESENT. Request your copy be rushed.

## DR. AND MRS. H. YESAYIAN MAKE GENEROUS DONATION TO A.M.A.A.

The Armenian Missionary Association of America (A.M.A.A.) Committee of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit recently revealed that one of the Church's faithful and loyal families had made a most generous donation to its cause.

In fulfillment of a pledge made earlier, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Yesayan contributed \$13,000. to an A.M.A.A. endowment fund they themselves established in the recent past. Dr. Yesayan pledged an additional \$5,000., thereby revealing that he hoped to raise the existing endowment fund total to \$20,000 in the near future.

Dr. and Mrs. Yesayan have been faithful members of the Armenian Congregational Church for many years.

Dr. Yesayan has served the Church in the various capacities of Moderator, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Building Fund Committee. He has not, however, confined his services to the Church, but has extended his time and talent to serving the Armenian Evangelical community in the role of Board member of A.M.A.A., as well as that of Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of Eastern States. He has always been an unwavering, independent thinker, whose active involvement in organizations such as the Armenian General Benevolent Union and the Knights of Vartan has established him as one of the leaders in the Armenian community.

For Dr. Yesayan, A.M.A.A. represents one of the most vital, dynamic and substantial Armenian charitable organizations in the United States. This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, which celebrates its benevolent history and holds the real promise of the years that lie ahead. This most significant and historic anniversary offers the Armenian community an opportunity to join with its fellow Armenian Evangelicals in honoring the past and preparing for the future.

## SOME CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE ORGANIZING GROUPS TO ATTEND THE HISTORIC EVENT ON SEPT. 23RD GET A BUS LOAD TO THE AFFAIR

Cost for  
Lunch and round trip boat ride  
from Battery Park, New York City, to Ellis Island,  
\$25.00 per person

\*The Campaign is for the purpose of establishing Capital Funds by way of Endowments. No Endowment Fund may be established below \$100 as the bookkeeping entailed prohibits it. Therefore, the system obligates us to list pledges of \$100 and over.

# Hopes for the Future . . . With AMAA

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, . . . let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." —Hebrews 12:1

## To be your missionary in 1978 and the future, the AMAA needs:

- Resources to continue current works in EDUCATION, CHURCH GROWTH, EVANGELISM, and RELIEF.
- Resources to develop new ministries, especially SOCIAL SERVICES, SENIOR CITIZEN'S RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND HERITAGE STUDIES, CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL.
- Resources to handle administration, mission education and developmental research.

## What You Can Do

### STUDY

all you can about AMAA missionary activities, their needs, their potential. Read *AMAA News* regularly, and order selections from AMAA's Armenian-English literature and booklist. Discover for yourself your own rich heritage through study of Armenian history, culture and language.

### PRAY

Ask for God's leading. Search your heart for ways the Spirit can "mission" through YOU. Join with others to pray for more missionaries, more church members, more mission-mindedness.

### SUPPORT

Offer your time, talent and treasure through the AMAA. Become involved in the Missions Committee in your local church. Be a missionary—overseas, in your own community, among family and friends—by spreading the Good News about God's love, about outstanding Christian Armenians, about the AMAA. Share your resources with underprivileged Armenians everywhere, in the fullness in which God has blessed you.

### GIVE!

In response to the vital needs selected by church and mission leaders and by the Board of Directors, the AMAA with your cooperation will conduct a Capital Fund Campaign during its 60th Anniversary year. Armenians throughout the country will be asked to pledge special contributions in honor of the historic occasion.

Research made by the Board of Directors has established that annual investment returns from \$2,000,000 in capital funds will enable the Association to sustain its mission projects for many years to come. Pledges, payable annually according to donor specifications, will be invested as Endowment Funds. The income from those Endowment Funds will be used only for the missionary projects chosen by the donors. Commitments may be paid immediately or within 5 years.

To answer mission needs, leaders and members alike will prayerfully anticipate a total pledging of at least \$2 million in 1978. The AMAA looks with confidence to the many people like you, who have enabled us to do so much in the past 60 years, to continue our world missionary outreach in the future. Ours is a Faith Venture. God is faithful and will touch hearts to fulfill our Faith Venture.

# What Your 60th Anniversary Gifts Can Do!

The AMAA's 60th Anniversary will celebrate the past, present and future. Your pledge during 1978 means that the AMAA will be able to continue and enlarge its outstanding missionary service year after year.

Your tax-deductible, capital fund contributions will be invested as Endowment Funds. The annual income from these Endowment Funds will be used solely to support the missionary projects you choose.

## Here's how.



# Share because you care

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the AMAA! Use the convenient envelope stitched into the center of this book or use the coupon on right.

### Annual Income From Your Capital Fund Contribution of:

	\$	Will Perform This Mission Service Year After Year Perpetually:	Annual Income From Your Capital Fund Contribution of:	Will Perform This Mission Service Year After Year Perpetually:
	500.00	Send a child to camp for 7 days.	10,000.00	Provide medical aid for a clinic in Beirut for 200 visits.
	500.00	Provide relief for 1 week for a needy elderly Armenian.	10,000.00	Provide 50 scientific books annually for the Library at Haigazian College
	500.00	Sponsor a child's lunch for 14 days.	15,000.00	Provide annual scholarship for a student preparing for the ministry at N.E.S.T.
	500.00	Print 1000 religious leaflets for circulation.	20,000.00	Provide annual scholarship for a student at Haigazian College.
	1,000.00	Help educate an elementary child for 1 year.	25,000.00	Provide 1 year's salary for Child Evangelism program leader.
	2,000.00	Help educate a high school student for 1 year.	30,000.00	Provide a teacher for a financially-troubled school for 1 year.
	2,000.00	Provide 15 minutes on Radio for Armenian Christian Gospel Programs.	40,000.00	Provide salary for a Christian youth worker for 1 year.
	3,000.00	Provide 3 months' financial support for a retired minister.	50,000.00	Underwrite publication and mailing costs of one issue of <i>AMAA News</i> .
	3,000.00	Provide 30 Armenian Bibles annually to underprivileged individuals.	50,000.00	Provide weekly 15-minute Christian Armenian programs on radio for a whole year.
	4,000.00	Provide financial relief to a retired teacher overseas for 1 year.	60,000.00	Subsidize an elementary teacher's salary for 1 year.
	4,000.00	Provide 30 annual subscriptions of Christian Armenian Publications as gifts to the elderly or to retired persons.	75,000.00	Subsidize a high school teacher's salary for 1 year.
	4,000.00	Provide a 30-minute Christian Armenian program on radio.	80,000.00	Subsidize the salary of a minister overseas for 1 year.
	5,000.00	Provide 1,250 hot lunches to needy children.	100,000.00	Support a U.S. missionary in the field for 1 year.
	5,000.00	Provide full scholarship for a high school student.	100,000.00	Provide a weekly 30-minute Christian Armenian program on radio for a whole year.
	5,000.00	Provide daily meals for 250 children attending summer camps.	150,000.00	Provide a professorial chair for an instructor at Haigazian College.
	6,000.00	Provide tuition, room and board for a needy child at the Istanbul Youth Home for 1 year.	200,000.00	Provide a professorial chair for a department head at Haigazian College.
	7,000.00	Provide annual relief to a retired minister.	500,000.00	Will establish and finance a medical clinic as a memorial.
	8,000.00	Finance the publication of 100,000 religious tracts.		
	10,000.00	Provide 1-semester scholarship for a student in the U.S.A.		

Arrangements can be made for administering Trust Funds entrusted to the AMAA for special purposes. Please call Dr. G.H. Chopourian at AMAA Headquarters for confidential information.

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5 years     Through our Estate Planning

Payment will be made:  Monthly     Semi-Annually     Annually

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Pledges on this occasion will be used as capital funds. The interest from these funds will be used for the outreach of the Association.

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## **AMAA 60th Anniversary Celebration Schedule**

### **Celebration Banquets**

Churches and chapters have resolved to participate actively in the achievement of our aspirations through a series of dinners.

### **Confirmed Pre-Banquet and Banquet Events 1978**

NAME OF CHURCH	PRE-BANQUET	BANQUET
Miami Chapter, FL		Sat., April 15
Washington, DC		Sat., May 13
AEC, NY APC, Paramus, NJ	Wed., June 7	Sunday, Sept. 10
AMCC, Havertown, PA	Thur., Sept. 14	Sun., Sept. 17,
ELLIS ISLAND REMEMBERED		Sat., Sept. 23
AMC, Watertown, MA	Thur., Sept. 28	Sat., Sept. 30
AACC, Salem, NH	Thur., Oct. 5	Sun., Oct. 8
AEEC, Providence, RI		Sun., Oct. 15
ACCM, Worcester, MA	Thur., Oct. 19	Sat., Oct. 21
ACC, Detroit, MI	Thur., Oct. 26	Sat., Oct. 28
ACC, Chicago, IL	Thur., Nov. 2	Sun., Nov. 5
{ AEC, Montreal, Canada FAEC, Montreal, Canada	Thur., Nov. 9	Sat., Nov. 11
AEC, Toronto, Canada		Sat., Nov. 18
{ ACC, Pasadena, CA UACC, Hollywood, CA IACC, Downey, CA	Thur., Nov. 16	Sat., Nov. 18
{ BAEC, San Francisco, CA CACC, San Francisco, CA	Thur., Nov. 16	Sun., Nov. 19
{ FAPC, Fresno, CA PACC, Fresno, CA	Thur., Nov. 30	Sat., Dec. 2
AEC, Sacramento, CA		Private Dinner
AEF, San Diego, CA		Sun., Dec. 10
Overseas Montevideo, Uruguay		Aug. 19
Buenos Aires, Argentina		Aug. 26
Sao Paulo, Brazil		Sept. 2
Tehran, Iran		Oct. 14

### **Directors of the 60th Anniversary Celebration**

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Dr. Giragos H. Chopourian  
*Executive Director, AMAA*

### **Ellis Island Remembered**

In memory of Armenian immigrants, trees will be planted on Ellis Island to beautify this historic gateway to our country. Memorials sponsored by Armenian-Americans will help fund the landscaping of the Island. That area of the park will then be designated as the Armenian Ethnic Section.

A special celebration on September 23, 1978 will feature a luncheon, visiting artists, distinguished visitors, a passport/photo exhibit, a Memorial Dinner and a special commemorative booklet.

### **Commemorative Art Portfolio**

Five prominent Armenian artists will prepare commemorative paintings on the Ellis Island Remembered theme. The five paintings will be lithographed in a special edition of 200 portfolios. Each portfolio will be signed, numbered and offered as a collector's item at \$2,500 per portfolio of five pictures.

### **Sacred Music Record**

Sponsored by the AMAA, Miss Sylvia Kutchukian will record an album of Sacred Music in Armenian and English. One side of the record will contain sacred songs in English, the other in Armenian. The record will include the new AMAA theme song, "Hail! Loved AMAA." Copies of the record will be distributed at the Anniversary Banquets with the compliments of the AMAA.

Sylvia Kutchukian and Lucina Hubbard will be the featured soloists at all the banquets planned for the United States and Canada.

Lucina Agbabian Hubbard has already had a record of Armenian folk songs pressed which has found great acceptance. The record is entitled "Armenian Art Songs".



*Sylvia Kutchukian,  
Performing Artist*



*Lucina Agbabian Hubbard,  
Performing Artist*